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Whereas up to 30,000 people each year are diagnosed with leukemia or other blood diseases and approximately 20,000 will not find a marrow donor match within their family and must rely upon strangers;

Whereas diseases such as leukemia, aplastic anemia, and defective immune systems can lead to a rapid deterioration

in an individual's health and ultimately the individual's death if potential marrow donors are not identified;

Whereas volunteers in donor programs provide a life-saving service to those that are afflicted with leukemia or other blood diseases;

Whereas since the founding of the National Marrow Donor Program in 1986, it has facilitated more than 15,000 unrelated transplants for patients with leukemia or other blood diseases;

Whereas the National Marrow Donor Program provides potential donors with information on how to become a bone marrow donor;

Whereas the National Marrow Donor Program has a worldwide reach and a large database of potential donors;

Whereas the National Marrow Donor Program currently facilitates more than 160 transplants each month; and

Whereas the National Marrow Donor Program makes a positive impact on the lives of thousands of Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of the Na-
4 tional Marrow Donor Program and other bone mar-
5 row donor programs; and

1 (2) encourages all Americans to learn about the
2 importance of bone marrow donation and to discuss
3 such donation with their families and friends.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 21,
2003.

Attest:

Clerk.